

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Professional Licensing Boards Division,**  
**237 Coliseum Drive**  
**Macon, Georgia**  
**July 29, 2009**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kay Royal, President  
Bill Sharpton  
R. Whitman Lord, Vice President  
Dudley B. Christie

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Anita Martin, Executive Director  
Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General  
Carol White, Board Support Specialist

President Kay Royal established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

1. A motion was made by Dr. Sharpton to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2009 meeting. Dr. Christie seconded the motion and the Board voted to approve the minutes.
2. A motion was made by Dr. Lord to ratify the licenses adding Rupesh K. Bhakta to the ratify license list. Dr. Christie seconded the motion, and the Board voted in favor of the motion.
3. Discussion of Board certification. Tabled
4. A motion was made by Dr. Christie to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2009 meeting. Dr. Lord seconded the motion and the Board voted to approve the minutes.
5. Correspondence from Jack E. Terry, O.D., Executive Director National Board of Examiners in Optometry re: Georgia – NBEO Online State Law Exams – Dr. Sharpton made a motion that the Board supports the concept and wishes to continue to investigate this matter. Dr. Lord seconded the motion and the Board voted to approve. Dr. Sharpton is the Board's subject matter expert for the examination.
6. Dr. Royal asked about the ability to have webcam/teleconferences in lieu of meeting in person. Executive Director, Martin will check on the capability of webcam. The Board is supportive of the concept of electronic meetings in lieu of in person meetings.
7. Ms. Martin, Executive Director discussed with the Board the processing timelines for applications. Ms. Martin stated we have a new vendor for wall certificates. Dr. Sharpton asked about funding for Board member travel.

8. Ms. Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General, discussed the case on Thomas Hargro, O.D. The case was filed in Bibb and Fulton Counties. The Bibb County case has been dismissed and there has not been a ruling yet on the Fulton County case. Ms. Monroe stated that attorneys in the AG's office are taking one day a month furloughs.

Dr. Sharpton made a motion to approve a new policy; Dr. Lord seconded the motion allowing for the Administrative Processing of Applications

**Administrative Processing of Applications.**

Staff can administratively process applications where the applicant has divulged only one DUI that occurred over 5 years before the date of the application. Prior to approval, the staff must obtain a GCIC if the arrest/plea/conviction was in Georgia. If the arrest/plea/conviction was in another state, request that the applicant have a background check conducted in that state for submission to the Board. Upon receipt, if the background checks do not reveal additional issues, the application does not require board review.

9. Application for L.L.R. – Dr. Christie made a motion to approve the application; Dr. Sharpton seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.
10. Application for T.G. – Dr. Lord made a motion to approve the application; Dr. Christie seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.
11. Cognizant Report:
- OPT080016 – Close with no violation.
  - OPT080029 – Close with acceptance of Cease and Desist Order.
  - OPT080045 – Close with no violation
  - OPT080047 – Close with a letter of concern.
  - OPT080052 – Close with no violation.
  - OPT080055 – Close with no violation.
  - OPT090007 – Table –
  - OPT090016 – Close with no violation.
  - OPT090017 – Close with no violation and refer to Opticians Board.
  - OPT090024 – Close with no violation.
  - OPT070032 – Schedule for Investigative Interview.

Dr. Christie made a motion to approve the Cognizant/Investigative Report; Dr. Sharpton seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.

12. Ms. Martin presented the Board with a Public Consent Order on James L. Purvis; O.D. Dr. Christie made a motion to accept the Public Consent Order on Dr. Purvis; Dr. Sharpton seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.
13. Ms. Monroe provided the Board with a status report on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and/or requests for authority for proposed rules.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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Kay Royal, President  
Georgia State Board of Optometry

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Date

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Anita Martin, Executive Director  
Professional Licensing Boards Division

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Date